Exempting Country Carts from payment of Tolls.

ORDER No. L. 2026-43—L. B. 111-28-40, DATED 14TH SEPTEMBER 1929.

At the last session of the Representative Assembly, it was brought to notice that much hardship was caused to raiyats on account of levy of tolls on country carts. Government have in Government Order No. R. 87-98—R. M., dated the 15th June 1929, directed that all bullock carts, except those that carry timber for commercial purposes, be exempted from payment of tolls at all Interior Provincial Toll-gates, newly established in the State. They consider that a similar concession may at the discretion of the District Boards be granted in respect of such carts in all District Fund Toll-gates, subject to the exception specified.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Commutation of Pensions.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 71-120—S. & A. 1-27-1, dated 4th July 1927, sanctioning the revival of the Scheme of Commutation of Pensions.

2. Government Order No. Fl. 9093-4—S. & A. 377-27-6, dated 1st June 1928, fixing the scale of fees payable to Medical Officers for examination of applicants for commutation of pensions.

ORDER No. FL. 1589-90—S. & A. 189-28-4, DATED 27—29TH AUGUST 1929.

The rules prescribed for dealing with applications for commutation of pensions published with Government Order dated 4th July 1927, read above do not provide for appeals by applicants against unfavourable reports by examining Medical Officers. Excepting applicants drawing invalid pensions, in whose case examination by a Medical Board is necessary, all other persons applying for commutation are in the first instance, required to present themselves for examination before the Medical Officer of the District in which the pensioner is drawing his pension or before a Lady Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon attached to any Government Medical Institution in the State in the case of female applicant and the certificate granted by the examining Medical Officers submitted to the Senior Surgeon for countersignature.

2. Representations having been received from pensioners for an opportunity being afforded to them for a second medical exmination in cases where the first report is not acceptable to them, Government are pleased to sanction the following rules for guidance in such cases:—

(i) Applicants declared ineligible on the report of the examining Medical Officer of the District or a Lady Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon in the case of female applicants, may within one month of rejection, apply to Government for a second medical examination on payment of a fee of Rs. 10 to the Treasury. No appeal however lies against the Medical opinion when the examination is conducted by a Medical Board or by the Senior Surgeon himself.

(ii) If the application is in order and is accompanied by the Treasury Chellan for payment of the fee, the connected records of the case will be sent to the Senior Surgeon and the party will be advised to present himself for examination by the Senior Surgeon at the time and place notified by him. After the examination of the applicant, the Senior Surgen will return the record to Government with his opinion through the Comptroller.

(iii) If the appeal is fully successful, the applicant will be entitled to the refund of the deposit made by him and the fee payable to the Senior Surgeon will be borne by Government.

(iv) The fee payble to the Senior Surgeon for each examination on appeal will be Rs. 5 and it will be paid to him out of the deposit made by the applicant, the balance being credited to Government.

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Secretary to Government,